



## January 2012 Newsletter

### New Year, New Board Members

The Warren County Vocational Board of Education convened its 2012 organizational meeting in January and welcomed two new members. The board members elected Bobbie Grice, Little Miami, as president and Dave Barton, Waynesville, as vice-president.

New members and returning members who were newly re-appointed were sworn in. Joining the board for the first time are Kelly Kohls, Springboro, and Becky Holloway, Kings. In honor of School Board Recognition Month, members were given certificates of appreciation and gift certificates to the WCCC Cosmetology salon. Members returning for a second term are Bonnie Baker-Hicks, Kings, and Lori Raleigh, Franklin. Esther Larson, Lebanon, also serves on the board.



New and returning board members take the oath of office

### Career Development Representatives Experience HVAC



Springboro Dennis Elementary teacher Tonya Kerns learns a brazing technique in the HVAC lab from Jacob Smith, a junior from Franklin

WCCC provides Career Development resources for K-12 teachers in the Franklin, Kings, Lebanon, Little Miami, Springboro and Waynesville school districts. Each school building appoints a Career Development Representative who attends regular meetings at WCCC for updates on current career trends.

The winter meeting recently featured the HVAC Environmental Controls program. Teachers heard an overview of the program from instructor Deon Gephart and were instructed by students in a hands-on skill demonstration. "We want our county teachers to see what skill levels are involved in a Career-Technical Education program," Coordinator Yvonne Kaszubowski said.

## SkillsUSA Officers Attend Training in DC

Two WCCC students attended the SkillsUSA Regional Officer Training Leadership Conference in Washington DC recently. Gade Abrams, Waynesville, SW Region Historian and a senior in the Electricity program, placed first in Individual Prepared Speech and also shared a first place award in Opening and Closing Ceremony with a team that included Cosmetology senior and SW Region President Hannah Bergeron, Springboro.

Gade plans to pursue additional training in the electrical field after graduation. He is currently working with his instructor, Rick Centers, on early job placement for second semester. Hannah plans to work in the cosmetology field while pursuing further education in theater arts. She is interested in the costuming, hair and makeup areas in theater.

The students were accompanied by WCCC Instructor Virgil Neal, who serves as a state advisor for SkillsUSA. While in Washington, the students talked about CTE opportunities with senators and representatives, and received leadership training from national SkillsUSA staff.



Hannah Bergeron, Gade Abrams

## NB&T Thanked for Support of Career Camp



The NB&T staff wears their Career Camp T-shirts

Warren County Career Development Coordinator Yvonne Kaszubowski thanked the Lebanon branch of National Bank & Trust recently for their support of the 2011 High Tech Career Camp.

The three-day camp, held in June, gives rising eighth-grade students a chance to explore different careers and learn about college and other training options. NB&T donated funds to offset the cost of the parent dinner, a time for the parents to hear about what their children learned at camp. The bank also gave a presentation on financial planning for college tuition. From left, Alexis Fichtenbaum, Becky Bausmith, Betty Williams, Sarah Pennington and Yvonne Kaszubowski. Williams is a 2008 WCCC graduate.

## Coming up in February!

- **February is Career-Technical Education Month**
- **Feb. 3, 7:30 a.m.**, District Business Advisory Council meeting
- **Feb. 7**, SkillsUSA Local Competitions at WCCC
- **Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m.**, [Pete the Cat](#) book signing and performance, free and open to the public
- **Feb. 23, 6 p.m.**, Regular school board meeting

# Adult Education Winter Programs Off to a Great Start

Enrollment in WCCC Adult Education programs for 2012 is thriving as the new Winter/Spring 2012 catalog is being distributed. Adult Education programs are a fast, flexible and affordable option for getting back into the workforce with new skills and certifications, or to update skills to advance in a career. WCCC can also customize training for business and industry to the specific needs of area employers, and provides testing services.

Two new coordinators began in January. Kim Fladung oversees all Public Safety Services training for area firefighters and EMTs, and also manages the Police Officer Academy satellite at Southern Hills Career Center. Kyle Jones coordinates the Information Technology Training programs, which are held at the South Campus in Kings Mills. For information, click [here](#), or call 513-932-8145.

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## Franklin Sophomores Visit WCCC



Franklin sophomores explored programs at WCCC in January. Above, the Electricity Lab, and at right, the Early Childhood Education Lab. More [photos](#).



## It's Not Too Late for Sophomores to Enroll for 2012-13

Priority Enrollment deadline is January 31, but sophomores can still apply for 2012-13 programs at WCCC. Click [here](#) for an application, call us at 513-932-5677 ext. 5211, or see your home school counselor. Sophomores can choose from over 20 different programs in many career fields, including aerospace, agriculture, arts/communication, automotive, business, construction, cosmetology, culinary, education, health, information technology, law/public safety, and welding.

### Mission

To prepare youths and adults to make informed career choices and to successfully enter, compete, and advance in a changing world.

### Vision

WCCC is the valued partner of choice within the educational and economic systems of our communities, by providing quality academic and career technical education. We pave the way for a future of opportunities unique to each of our learners.